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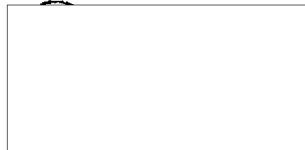
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NOTE FOR BOB GATES

Bob -

Attached is a copy of the September report of U.S. MTT activities in El Salvador.



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U.S. Military Training Teams in El Salvador as of 30 September 1981

A. CURRENT OPERATIONS:

1. Operations and Planning Assistance Team Zone Level - 5 Man

Mission: To work in the five Brigade HQs, visiting them in turn, training in Brigade HQ operations.

Training Accomplished: Following mission completion and re-deployment in August, two men remained performing duties in their specialty field. One man now remains.

2. Administrative/Logistics/Communications MTT - 5 Man

Mission: To provide administrative, logistics, and communications support for all MTTs in-country.

3. Field Medical MTT - 4 Man

Mission: To provide Salvadoran personnel training in field medical operations.

Training Accomplished: Thirty-eight of the original 42 students successfully completed initial training. New course is underway.

4. UH-1H Crew Chief Instruction MTT - 1 Man

Mission: To train Salvadoran Air Force UH-1H crew chief personnel as instructors.

Training Accomplished: Three Salvadoran crew chiefs have completed formal instructors training and are in turn training helo mechanics. A second cycle of three students began formal instructor training.

5. UH-1H 200-Hour Phase Inspection MTT - 5 Man

Mission: To provide follow-on instruction and assistance in the accomplishment of UH-1H phase maintenance.

Training Accomplished: Assisted Salvadoran maintenance personnel in conducting scheduled phased inspections.

6. Logistics/Communications/Maintenance Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT) - 3 Man

Mission: To implement an effective and supportable logistics, signal, and motor maintenance support system for Salvadoran forces.

Training Accomplished: Discussions and planning with Salvadoran officials were held over establishment of national-level depot and maintenance centers with the goal being flexibility of response to crisis and best use of scarce resources. Team provided additional logistics management to include inventory and inspection control techniques and use of document registers.

7. Standardization Instructor Pilot/Technical Inspector TAFT - 2 Man

Mission: To implement an effective system of standardization and control for UH-1H operations and training, and to provide technical assistance and control to insure high quality UH-1H maintenance and support facilities.

Training Accomplished: Completed training syllabus designed to enable Hughes-500 pilots to transition into the UH-1H. TAFT personnel began an instructor pilot training program and supervised coordination of the phase maintenance program with other parts of the helicopter training program.

8. National Military Strategic Assistance Team - 7 Man

Mission: To assist GOES in developing a national military strategy.

Training Accomplished: Arrival, orientation, initial meetings with GOES officers. Impressions optimistic.

9. Tactical Intelligence MTT - 3 Man, 5 Months

Mission: To establish a tactical intelligence school for Salvadoran Army.

Training Accomplished: Arrival, orientation.

B. PROJECTED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Information and Public Relations MTT - 3 Man, Period TDB

Mission: To establish an information and public relations program.

2. Small Unit Training Teams - 5 Man Each, 3 Months, 2 Teams

Mission: To continue small unit training and to train Salvadoran cadre to operate a National Training Center.

3. Radar/Weapons MTT - 2 Man, 75 Days

Mission: To assist Salvadoran Navy in maintenance and support of radar/weapons systems on patrol craft.

4. Logistics, Communications, Maintenance MTT - 3 Man, 6 Months

Mission: To assist MILGP Logistics Officer; provide assistance in communications programs at Battalion and Company level; assist maintenance TAFT members in support of Battalion and Company level maintenance programs.

5. Bailey Bridge MTT - 3 Man, 3 Weeks

Mission: To train and assist Salvadoran Army personnel in operating and maintaining Bailey Bridge and related equipment.

- C. EXTENDED TRAINING PLANS: Two small unit training teams of five men each projected for 8 January - 1 April 1982. Proposed GOES training plan for 1982 still under review.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Assistance in the helicopter maintenance and logistic fields has produced immediate results reflected by an increased operational readiness rate despite harsh environmental limitations and frequent combat damage. Maintenance is still a weak area, but shows improvement.

2. Field Medical Training has been very well received. Results are highly visible in the field. Salvadoran cadre are being trained to continue after the MTT departs.